

EX-PRESIDENT  
IS CRITICISEDWhat Many Writers Have to Say  
Regarding His Career

## IS ROOSEVELT DEAD?

Some Claim That Teddy Has Personal  
Following Greater Than Any Living  
American Except Eugene V. Debs

That Roosevelt heard his political death knell in the New York election of November 8th, is a question on which the leading press of the country is divided.

The one side argues that he dominated the Republican State convention—Stimson was his choice for Governor; he thought with him to unite the Progressives and the Old Guard regulars of the party. The latter could trust the ex-president's choice; at the same time thinking to deceive the progressives with the exploiting of Stimson's prosecuting a trust magnate. The people especially, so worked-up against the trusts of late, were to be fooled.

Well, the convention was fooled, but not the people, as was shown by the New York election.

The real significance of the election, it is argued, indicates the repudiation of Roosevelt, which he himself tacitly admits by his hasty retreat to Oyster Bay, without a word of comment—all reporters shut out; is silent as to the political situation—is politically dead. Such is the leading thought.

The other side admits it in the main, as a present result of the recent campaign, yet still see in Theodore Roosevelt a power which will bring him to the front in the nation's politics in the near future.

It will be interesting to quote from leading organs representative of these opposing views. Take the two extremists: Charles Edward Russell, as a magazine writer of national fame, has this to say in his paper, "The Coming Nation": "Exit Teddy Roosevelt, exit the roaring colonel, exit the loud noise. Also exit the Big Stick. Peace and a strange silence brood over Oyster Bay—Some persons fear that this intolerable person has not been squelched and that he will continue to be a great and menacing power. No fear; there is no resurrection for the politically dead."

"Doubt that? Then kindly note that he forced himself into the campaign, insisted upon making himself an issue—and received one of the most memorable wallops in the history of politics. Can he come back from such a knockout?" Geo. H. Shoaf, of New York, takes an opposite view of the subject. Who is Shoaf? A keen observer of passing events, a trenchant writer on subjects of vital importance to the public, especially in the interests of the common people.

The following excerpts are from an article headed, "Can He Come Back?" in the Appeal to Reason. The reasoning is forcible, and to do it justice the whole of it should be read, which is impossible in the space of this article:

"Can he come back? That question now agitates the minds of millions of people the world over regarding the political future of Theodore Roosevelt."

"At present he is the butt of universal ridicule, the target of national denunciation, a man forsaken and alone—"

"To reach correct conclusions in any matter it is necessary that facts be regarded rather than one's feelings; that the judgment should be influenced by reason and not by prejudice."

"During the closing days of the campaign Roosevelt, realizing impending defeat, declared he intended keeping up the fight for pure politics and honest business, and that a temporary defeat would only give strength and determination to his efforts."

It is freely charged that the Roosevelt opposition particularly pleased high finance, which contributed liberally to the support of the democratic party.

Wall street, following the elections, congratulated the people of the United States over the splendid Democratic victory and the return to sanity.

High finance, in fearing Roosevelt's headiness and uncertain course, requested his overthrow—But hold! In other states republicanism lost ingloriously—states where he was not a factor.

Campaign Manager Prentice, speaking of the New York elections, said that had not Roosevelt come to the rescue, republicanism in New York state would have been defeated by 200,000 votes and of by 60,000 votes.

While high finance sought Roosevelt's overthrow and anticipated it, the nation wide political change was wholly unexpected. In view of the general upheaval they are wondering whether it was Mr. Roosevelt that was repudiated or themselves. Magnates are asking each other questions. They want to know what is the matter—all is not well with them and privately they admit it. For the first time in its history Wall street is denouncing Socialism.

All along Roosevelt declared to his "harmans" of finance that if a revolution is to be avoided in this country the people must be placated, either by promises or fake legislation or genuine reforms. Instead of permitting

Roosevelt to pose as tribune (pretended or real) and continuing their gouging of the people, while the tribune filled the sky with dust, the magnates denounced him as an agitator and sought his downfall. He (Roosevelt) knew better than anyone else knows that the Democratic victories were not so much a repudiation of himself as they were an uprising against the Taft administration and the system.

Publicly high finance is continuing its denunciation of the Big Stick; privately high finance is wondering whether after all, the gyrations of the Big Stick were not the proper caper.

The big Socialist vote portends dire consequences to plutocracy if something is not done. High finance now realizes that Roosevelt was right; that the people must be thrown a sop. Secretly the magnates are considering if Roosevelt is not the man to throw that sop.

The next Republican national convention will be progressive and will name a candidate who is regarded as progressive. Who will it be? Roosevelt is virile, indomitable and has a personal following greater than any living American, excepting only Eugene V. Debs. Is it supposed that he is not going to be a factor in the 1912 convention, and a dominating factor?

To prevent further socialist increases progressive republicanism must adopt a radical platform—The only man secretly acceptable to high finance who can champion the people's rights with words and render service to plutocracy with deeds, who undoubtedly will dominate the 1912 republican convention and dictate its platform, is Theodore Roosevelt."

Sorry to have been confined to only (continued on page 4.)

ELECTION INSPECTORS  
NAMED FOR PRIMARY

At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee held in Fort Pierce Wednesday, December 7th, the following inspector and clerks were appointed to serve at the senatorial primary election to be held January 10th:

Sebastian, Precinct No. 1—Ivey Lawson, J. L. Stinson, G. B. Hall, inspectors; B. F. Hardesty, clerk.

Fort Pierce, Precinct No. 2—B. B. Pyles, Lucien Baker, H. B. Paxton, inspectors; A. S. Cleveland, clerk.

Ankora, Precinct No. 3—W. L. Franz, D. D. T. Moore, Frank Newton, inspectors; P. C. Eldred, clerk.

Jensen, Precinct No. 4—W. D. Edwards, J. W. Kling, J. H. Baker, inspectors; S. C. Stewart, clerk.

Fort Drum, Precinct No. 5—J. M. Lee, J. J. Barton, D. H. McLaughlin, inspectors; Harley Holmes, clerk.

Tantie, Precinct No. 6—J. W. Gillespie, Jerry Hancock, L. M. Raulerson, inspectors; H. H. Hancock, clerk.

Wabasso, Precinct No. 7—W. T. Jones, J. M. Morgan, D. J. Knowles, inspectors; E. A. Holt, clerk.

Quay, Precinct No. 8—J. M. McCullers, W. R. Copeland, J. T. Fletcher, inspectors; E. C. Walker, clerk.

Narrows, Precinct No. 9—J. E. W. McCullers, J. W. Cochran, E. V. Walker, inspectors; J. S. Barker, clerk.

White City, Precinct No. 10—H. Larsen, H. J. Christiansen, J. H. Campbell, inspectors; C. Bemenderfer, clerk.

Vero, Precinct No. 11—T. W. Jeffers, Chas. Harris, W. B. Davis, inspectors; F. C. Gifford, clerk.

Viking, Precinct No. 12—O. O. Helseth, R. W. Lennard, J. Helseth, inspectors; S. B. Daniels, clerk.

Bluefields, Precinct No. 13—H. F. Hazelhof, E. O. Morgan, J. A. Waldron, inspectors; Henry Smith, clerk.

Don't forget the Fireman's Ball in the Improvement club hall, Saturday evening, December 31st. It is for the benefit of the Fort Pierce fire department.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES  
AT JENSEN-WAVELAND

Church folks of Jensen and Waveland enjoyed a very beautiful and hearty service at All Saint's Episcopal church on Christmas day, when the Holy Communion was celebrated and a sermon preached by the priest-in-charge. The altar and chancel were tastefully decorated by Mrs. Racey and other ladies of the mission. The choir with Miss Mattie Coon at the organ rendered the hymns and carols devotionally and well. A new organ, the gift of a friend of the mission, obtained through the good offices of Robert Garrison, was used for the first time.

All Saint's church was erected some years ago through the instrumentality of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Racey and is the most ecclesiastical and best equipped church for many miles on the east coast. It is strikingly situated on a rising ground and surrounded by a large graveyard. All worshippers are welcomed at the services and a goodly congregation gather from the neighborhood country on the first and third Sundays in the month at 3:30 when the regular services are held.

The Bishop of the diocese, The Right Rev. William Crane Gray, D. D., has lately approved the following officers:

Mr. Radcliff Hebert, Senior Warden, Mr. Carroll Dunscombe, Junior Warden, Mr. John Williams, Treasurer, Mr. Robert Garrison, Secretary.

SECRET ORDER  
INSTALLATIONMasons and Eastern Star Join  
In Installing Officers

## A SPLENDID BANQUET

Ladies of Eastern Star Provide Feast  
For Guests—Officers Who Will Serve  
The Orders For The Ensuing Year

One of the most pleasant social events of the year was the joint installation of the new officers of Fort Pierce Lodge No. 87, F. & A. M., and Ruth Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star, held in the Masonic lodge-room Wednesday evening.

The room had been most beautifully decorated by the committee of the Eastern Star, and presented a splendid appearance, made doubly attractive by the presence of the ladies of the Eastern Star and Mason's wives in bright and attractive costumes.

Frank H. Wilson, as deputy grand master, acted as installing officer for the Masons, while Mrs. A. M. Sample performed the same duties for the Eastern Star. The position of marshal was creditably filled by A. M. Sample for the Masons and Mrs. W. B. Cross for the Eastern Star.

While the joint installation was conducted under the auspices of the Eastern Star, the Masons, being the guests, were given the place of honor and installed their officers for the ensuing year first, as follows:

David P. Eldred, Worshipful Master.  
A. K. Wilson, Senior Warden.  
C. F. Olmstead, Junior Warden.  
W. J. Nesbitt, Treasurer.  
A. C. Dittmar, Secretary.  
Geo. E. Dutton, Chaplain.  
W. E. Tylander, Senior Deacon.  
Benjamin Hogg, Junior Deacon.  
W. W. Scott, Senior Steward.  
John H. Wynn, Junior Steward.  
L. S. S. Farnsworth, Tyler.

At the close of the Masonic installation, the new officers of Ruth Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star was then installed, the ceremony being conducted in a most pleasing style, with strains of music from the piano, executed by Mrs. Harry W. McCombs, accompanying the ceremony. The following were installed:

Mrs. M. Summerlin, Worthy Matron.  
Geo. E. Dutton, Worthy Patron.  
Mrs. Benj. Hogg, Associate Matron.  
Mrs. Menie Bronnum, Conductress.  
Mrs. Claudia Pyles, Asso. Conductress.  
Mrs. Julia Nesbitt, Treas. urer.  
Miss Ella Stanford, Secretary.  
Mrs. Leila Brown, Ada.  
Mrs. Ruby Penny, Ruth.  
Mrs. Lillie Belk, Martha.  
Mrs. Lula Buell, Electa.  
Mrs. Margaret Whyte, Warden.  
Mrs. Lilly Wynn, Chaplain.  
Mrs. Frances Cross, Marshal.  
Mrs. A. M. Sample, Organist.  
L. S. S. Farnsworth, Sentinel.

Following the installation, tables were spread and one of the most elaborate banquets ever served in Fort Pierce was enjoyed, the feast consisting of a Christmas dinner course, prepared by Mesdames R. Whyte and W. B. Cross, assisted by the ladies of the Star, and was thoroughly enjoyed by seventy or more guests.

The occasion will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to have been present.

## Episcopal Church Services Sunday

St. Andrews' Episcopal church, Rev. Vincent C. Lacey, priest in charge. Holy Communion, 7 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a.m.; evening prayer by lay leader, 7:30 p.m.; evening prayer and sermon at All Saint's Waveland, 8:30 p.m.; Evening prayer and sermon at Stuart 8 p.m. Women's Guild and election of officers Saturday, 31st, at 3. Litany and instruction Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Confirmation, instruction Thursday 3; Friday, 6th, the Epiphany, Holy Communion 7 a.m.

J. H. Pope, city marshal, was a visitor in Miami the first of the week.

COMMUNICATION ON  
"CREEDS VS. CHRIST"

Ala Cottage, Dec. 24, 1910.

Editor TRIBUNE:  
Will you permit this in your paper? I seek no controversy but only to write on this subject, "Creeds vs. Christ."

Humanity and philanthropy are not Christianity, but are essential and vital attributes of it, but there can be humanity and philanthropy without salvation (Christianity). Why? Because there are often both traits to be found in the same person where that person is unseared. How do I make that out? Some well meaning person may ask. Well, to be plain, to be saved means to be "born again" of both water and the spirit. Now there are a great many good people in the world but goodness alone without repentance and salvation (forgiveness) will not save. Some well meaning people may say—"Judge not, lest ye be judged." I re-

ply "by their fruit ye shall know them" Let all such learn to harmonize these two seeming contradictory scriptures and they will then and not until then see the truth of what I say. Until they read and get the harmony of scripture they will be like the Jews "have a veil before their eyes" in the reading of the old testament and the new will be a stumbling block to them until they see and realize the truth.

"I have learned that the most dangerous counterfeits or errors are those most like the genuine. So too the most pernicious errors and practices are those most likely to be taken for the truth by many honest seekers after Christ. Would to God all professing Christians would get together in Christ and read and study the holy word of God in honest endeavor to get the truth. But alas! Creeds stand in the way. They "seek the living among the dead" They grouse in darkness depending on men to lead them. When if they would let Christ lead them they would see and know. "I am the way, the truth and the life" Paul told Timothy to "reach the word" (not what he, Timothy thought) "Take heed to the doctrine" Not a doctrine as of money but "The doctrine" (Christ's); but what do we see today? Some six or eight hundred creeds and church organizations; often several large ones in one small town, "dividing the flock" when one will not more than hold every member of all the others. Thus bringing reproach upon His name and cause. Let all your readers remember the poor and needy during the holidays. "It is more blessed to give than to receive;" and I know much happier. With much charity for all, I am, In His name, J. S. COATS.

DELIGHTFUL MUSICAL  
NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

The first monthly concert of the newly organized musical association, of Fort Pierce will be given in Improvement Hall on the evening of Tuesday, January 3rd. The programme will consist of operatic selections from Mendelssohn, Gounod, Wagner, Donizetti, Flotow and Verdo.

This meeting will be open to the public, and no admission will be charged. After this one, all the monthly concerts of the association will be free only to the members of the association, and invited guests. It is the aim of this association to bring all the musical organizations of the city together under one association, embracing not only all the singers and musicians, but all music lovers as well. Those who are not qualified to take an active part in the work of this association, can become associate members, help the work along by regular dues, and reap the series of association concerts as a reward.

There are a few details to settle in the organization, and we hope for a good representation on Tuesday night, to help in perfecting the plans for the future.

We want everyone who is interested in music, and in the advance of culture in Fort Pierce, to join the ranks of this new enterprise.

The choral club will resume its rehearsals on Tuesday evening, January 10th, just one week after the first concert. The meetings will be held in the hall.

One feature of the organization, which is now to be quite separate from the choral club, is the club class in sight singing, where we will try to teach the art of part singing, at sight. This class will meet at the home of Mrs. H. W. McCombs, on Monday evening of each week, beginning January 2nd. Because of the desultory attendance, a fresh start will be made.

The class opens at 7:30. A fee of \$1.00 per month will be charged each pupil, for a class of ten or over. For less than ten \$1.50 per month.

PROGRESS MADE BY  
EVERGLADES DREDGES

C. B. Clarke, chief engineer of Everglade drainage, says that the people are too impatient—expecting the great area to be made adaptable for cultivation in some magical way long before it is in any way possible. Where the canals have been made, the tributary land is dry, he says, and the high saw grass growing over it like on any prairie.

Since the company took hold of the work, the first of last July 99,900 feet of canals have been made—really rivers in dimension through which the clear water of the Glades flow into the outlet rivers into the ocean and gulf.

The greatest distance has been made by the dredge Caloosahatchee, working at Lake Okeechobee, she having accomplished 38,700 feet. The dredge Miami stands next, having made 19,500 feet, then the Everglades 19,500 feet; the Okeechobee, 10,500 feet; No. 8 comes next with 9,800 feet to her credit and the Loran, 4,400 feet.

The last two dredges named—the Loran and No. 8—have only been at work for a few months, but are making very satisfactory progress.

On all the dredges double shifts are maintained and by night as well as by day, the noise of the machinery of the powerful apparatus can be heard for many miles across the silence of the "unknown land."

CONTRACT LET  
FOR NEW ROADWill Open Thousands of Acres  
For Industrious Farmers

## RICHEST LAND IN STATE

Will Run South From Maytown to Lake  
Okeechobee—To Be Completed In  
Three Years—Work to Start Soon

Opening up a vast territory of the state's most fertile acres and of virgin forest that is yet untouched by the lumberman's axe, a new railroad leading south from Maytown to Lake Okeechobee is to be constructed within three years time by the Florida East Coast Railway. Contract has already been let for the work and it will begin within a few weeks.

The new road has been decided upon by Henry M. Flagler and its building is fraught with the greatest possibilities and will be an immense factor in the rapid development of the coming Florida. First authentic information concerning the new road was given the public by President J. R. Parrott, of the Florida East Coast Railway, two weeks ago. The cost of the work will probably exceed a million and a half dollars.

The contract for the construction of the line has been let to the Kissimmee Valley Construction Company, a Delaware corporation, with offices in this state. Work is to begin within a few weeks and is to be completed in three years. It is expected that it will be completed in less time, though it will be held back unless all rights of way can be secured without trouble. Upon the securing of the rights of way will in a great measure depend the beginning of the work, but it is not anticipated that there will be any hindrance in this regard as the owners of the property through which the road will pass will be greatly benefited by its coming.

The proposed extension of the Florida East Coast Railway, as decided upon by Mr. Flagler, will be from Maytown on the Titusville division southwesterly to Whittier, and then southeasterly to a point on the northern or eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee, a total distance of about 130 miles.

A branch road will probably be built from this line at Whittier across the Kissimmee Valley to Fort Bassinger on the Kissimmee river. It is possible that the main line of the new extension may later be built on through the reclamation district to the present line of the railway on the lower coast, but that depends entirely upon the future and no such plan is at present in even tentative form.

The new railroad traverses a region of virgin forests of magnificent timber and of lands that are the most fertile in the world. Some farming and orange growing has already been done in the region reached but only in a limited way owing to the lack of transportation facilities. Enough has been done, however, to fully establish the fact that there are no more fertile lands in all Florida or anywhere else. The splendid timber contains untold wealth in lumber and naval stores. The Kissimmee Valley will be opened up as will a section of the East Coast that has not before been easily reached.

Lake Okeechobee is an inland sea in itself and from the point where the road will touch the lake, Fort Myers on the West Coast may be reached by steamer down the Caloosahatchee. All points upon the lake will be within easy reach.

There is no doubt but that the new railroad will quickly be followed by the settling and development of the region through which it will pass. Florida's development has been in the main near the two coasts, where transportation advantages were best. But the building of the new road will mark the beginning of the development of the rich interior section extending from Lake Harney and the St. John's river south to the Everglades and on to Okeechobee.

Mr. Flagler made possible the development of the entire East Coast when he constructed the present Florida East Coast Railway, he attracted the attention of the world to Florida when the great engineering feat of building the extension to Key West was launched, and in the new plan which he has formulated, he is paving the way for the more rapid bringing of the state's greatest development.

This road will undoubtedly be brought to Palm Beach which will make an East Coast outlet for the rice farm lands lying between here and Lake Okeechobee and give access to the lake for the thousands of tourists who visit Palm Beach each year.

This road will add greatly to the value of property in the lower portion of the county, and especially to that vast area of land owned by the Southern Colonization Co. and the Hunter Land Co., which companies are rapidly disposing of their holdings to people in the North and West, who desire to locate homes in the South.

There is strong talk among our local capitalists about building a road from (continued on page 8)